

What is Claimed is:

1. A system, adapted for use with a distributed data delivery network, for duplicating data being distributed in the network, comprising:

5 a data storage; and

a data distributor, adapted to distribute data as streaming data at a first bitrate to at least one data server in the network, while writing said data to said data storage at substantially said first bitrate.

10 2. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said data distributor comprises an encoder, adapted to encode said data to create said streaming data at said first bitrate.

15 3. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said data storage includes a disk, and said data distributor is adapted to write said data to said disk at substantially said first bitrate.

20 4. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said data storage is disposed at a data server in said network.

5. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said data storage is disposed at one of said at least one data server in said network.

25 6. A system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a reader, adapted to read said data stored at said data storage at a read rate substantially equal to said first bitrate.

7. A method for duplicating data being distributed in a distributed data delivery network, comprising:

30 distributing data as streaming data at a first bitrate to at least one data server in the network; and

writing said data to a data storage at substantially said first bitrate while performing said distributing step.

8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

5 said data distributing step includes encoding said data to create said streaming data at said first bitrate.

9. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

said data storage includes a disk; and

10 said data distributing step includes writing said data to said disk at substantially said first bitrate.

10. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

said data storage is disposed at a data server in said network; and

15 said writing step writes said data to said data storage disposed at said data server.

11. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

said data storage is disposed at one of said at least one data server in said network;

and

20 said writing step writes said data to said data storage disposed at said one of said at least one data server.

12. A method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

reading said data stored at said data storage at a read rate substantially equal to said

25 first bitrate.